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Highway Improvement on Kaua'i

The State Dept. of Transportation proposes to improve Kuhio Highway between Hanama'ulu and Kapa'a to alleviate traffic congestion, accommodate projected traffic growth to 2025, provide an alternate emergency and evacuation route, and provide additional capacity when traffic is not flowing normally.

Alternatives include widening portions of the highway, construction of a bypass road ("relief route"), Transportation

Systems Management (TSM), or a combination of these. Possible impacts may include displacement of residents and/or businesses, visual effects, impacts to archeological sites and artifacts, to cultural sites, wetlands and parklands.

The EIS preparation notice submitted supercedes the EISPN published on September 8, 1992. Comments will be accepted until June 15, 2002.

For more information, see page 10.

Makua EIS Public Scoping Meetings

The U.S. Army will be holding two scoping meetings on preparing an environmental impact statement for the resumption of military training activities at Makua Military Reservation (MMR) on Tuesday, April 9, 2002 from 6:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M. at Nanakuli High School Cafeteria, and on Saturday, April 13, 2002, from 10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. at the Wai anae District Park Multi-Purpose Building. See page 11 for more.

Force Transformation EIS Public Scoping Meetings

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will be holding NEPA scoping meetings beginning on April 16, 2002, to engage public participation in the environmental impact statement for converting the 2nd Brigade, 25th Infantry Division in Hawai'i into an Interim Brigade Combat Team. The conversion may have various impacts on Army installations and training lands in Hawai'i. See page 12 for more.

FONSI for Land Acquisition at Pohakuloa

The Army has disclosed in a NEPA environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact (FONSI) that it wants to purchase 1,010 acres at the northern portion of the Pohakuloa Training Area at Pu'u Ke'eke'e and Pu'u Ka Pele (which is currently leased from Parker Ranch). There will be no change to existing land use or types of training there. See page 9 for more.

EIS Training in April

When are environmental assessments (EA) required? What types of projects are exempt? How to declare a project exempt? How to prepare EAs? Whats new at OEQC? If you are interested in learning the answers to the above questions, OEQC's latest training classes can help you. The classes will be held on Friday, April 12 from 1-3 p.m. and on Monday, April 22 from 1-3 p.m. at OEQC. To register, please call 586-4185.

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Draft Environmental Assessments



(1) Diamond Head Water System Improvements Project

District: Honolulu

TMK: 2-7-36; 3-1-12 to 19, 24 & 25 **Applicant**: City and County of Honolulu

Board of Water Supply 630 S. Beretania Street Honolulu, Hawai'i 96843

Contact: Scot Muraoka (527-5221)

Approving Agency/Accepting

Authority: City and County of Honolulu

Board of Water Supply 630 S. Beretania Street Honolulu, Hawai'i 96843

Contact: Clifford Jamile (527-6180)

Consultant: Kimura International, Inc.

1600 Kapi'olani Boulevard, Suite 1610

Honolulu, Hawai'i 96814

Contact: Glenn Kimura (944-8848)

Public Comment

Deadline: May 8, 2002

Status: DEA First Notice pending public comment.

Address comments to the applicant with copies to the approving agency or accepting authority, the consultant and OEQC.

Permits NPDES, construction/trenching,

Required: noise

The Board of Water Supply, City and County of Honolulu, proposes to install a 24-inch water main and an 8-inch water line in the public rights-of-way through a section of Kapahulu. The new 24-inch water main is needed to improve system operation and reliability of water transmission to East Honolulu. It will connect to the Kapahulu Avenue line and extend the length of Herbert Street until Campbell Avenue. The line will continue along Campbell Avenue where it will connect to an existing 30-inch waterline just past the Kaunaoa Street intersection. This new water main will provide a separate influent/effluent line from the Diamond Head 180 Reservoir to the suction side of the Diamond Head line booster on Kalakaua Avenue. It will

enable the Diamond Head line booster to draw water from the Diamond Head 180 Reservoir.

The 8-inch distribution line will be installed in Kaunaoa Street to replace an existing 6-inch line. The new 8-inch line will improve fire flow and meet current Board of Water Supply standards. The existing 6-inch line will be abandoned in place. Work in this segment also involves laterals and reconnection to fire hydrants.

Short-term construction impacts include traffic delays, construction noise, and dust. A traffic control plan and adherence to all State and local regulations governing construction activities will minimize environmental harm and inconvenience to the public. Prior to construction, residents along the project route, as well as the area Neighborhood Board, will be notified of the project schedule and of any lane closure and detours.

The proposed water main and water line will run along existing streets with numerous existing underground utility lines and underground structures. Installation of the new lines under the existing lines and structures is anticipated to be difficult due to the presence of old trenches and old excavations, existing geotechnical conditions and the need to excavate below the groundwater table in selected areas. The construction contractor and geotechnical engineers will work with the Board of Water Supply to develop an appropriate plan for site preparation, excavation, shoring and dewatering.

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(2) Farrington Highway Drainage Improvements at Nanakuli

District: Wai 'anae

TMK: 8-9-01 and 8-7-07

Applicant: Department of Transportation

Highways Division

601 Kamokila Boulevard, Room 609

Kapolei, Hawai'i 96707

Contact: Duane Taniguchi (692-7582)

Approving Agency/Accepting

Authority: Department of Transportation

Highways Division 869 Punchbowl Street Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Contact: Glenn Yasui (587-2220)

Consultant: Belt Collins Hawaii, Ltd.

680 Ala Moana Boulevard, First Floor

Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Contact: Glen Koyama (521-5361)

Public Comment

Deadline: May 8, 2002

Status: DEA First Notice pending public comment.

Address comments to the applicant with copies to the approving agency or accepting authority, the consultant and OEQC.

Permits

Required: SMA, Grading

The State of Hawai'i Department of Transportation - Highways Division (DOT-HWY) is proposing to improve the drainage system along Farrington Highway in Nanakuli, O'ahu. The proposed improvements will occur within the existing highway right-of-way at two locations: one comprising an approximately 1,700-foot segment of the highway, known as Area I, extending from the GTE Building to Nanakuli Stream, and the other, known as Area II, comprising an approximately 700-foot segment of the highway from the Garden Groves town homes entrance road to a point 200 feet Kapolei side of Princess Kahanu Avenue.

In Area I, DOT-HWY is proposing to install an 18"/24" diameter drain line with a series of grated drop inlets in the mauka shoulder of the highway to collect surface runoff. The outlet for the drainage system will be located in a dry drainageway adjacent to the St. Rita Catholic Church at the southern end of the project site. An approximately 2,100 sq. ft. easement over Hawaiian Home Lands property (TMK 8-9-

07: 2) will be required for the system's outlet. The dry drainageway presently connects with Nanakuli Stream approximately 500 feet to the south of the project. After the drainage system is installed, DOT-HWY will upgrade the sidewalk from asphaltic concrete to concrete along the mauka shoulder of the highway. On the makai side of the highway, DOT-HWY will install a lined concrete ditch. The ditch will be approximately 2 feet wide, approximately 1 to 2 feet deep, and approximately 280 feet long. It will connect with an existing concrete drainage chute located on the northern bank of the Nanakuli Stream.

In Area II, four or five dry wells will be located in the mauka shoulder and five or six dry wells in the makai shoulder of the highway. The dry wells in the mauka shoulder will be independent of each other, while the makai dry wells will be connected with a 12" diameter perforated culvert.

Construction is expected to begin in the third quarter of 2003 and be completed in the third quarter of 2004. The cost of construction is estimated to be approximately \$2.4 million and will be funded by the State.

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)



(3) Realignment of Kunia Gate, Wheeler Army Airfield, with the Existing Lyman Gate, Schofield Barracks (FONSI)

District: Wahiawa

Applicant: 25th Infantry Division (Light) and U.S.

Army, Hawai'i

Schofield Barracks, Hawai'i 96857-5013 Contact: Peter Yuh, Jr. (656-2878 x 1051)

Public Comment

Deadline: May 8, 2002

The Army is proposing to realign Wheeler Army Airfield's Kunia Gate with Schofield Barrack's Lyman Gate. The purpose of the project is to improve traffic flow and safety between the two installations, and on Kunia Road. The project would create a four-way intersection which would be controlled by a traffic signal system. Adequate holding lanes on Kunia Road would be created. To complete the traffic

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pattern, a new roadway would be constructed to Wright Avenue on Wheeler Army Airfield. There will be short-term impacts typically associated with construction: fugitive dust, noise, and erosion. All of these impacts will be mitigated. There will be no significant long-term impacts resulting from this project.



(4) Hale Koa Hotel Lu'au Facility Improvements, Fort DeRussy, O'ahu (FONSI)

District: Honolulu

Applicant: 25th Infantry Division (Light) and U.S.

Army, Hawai'i

Schofield Barracks, Hawai'i 96857-5013 Contact: Peter Yuh, Jr. (656-2878 x 1051)

Public Comment

Deadline: May 8, 2002

The Hale Koa Hotel is proposing to construct a luau pavilion on its hotel grounds in Waikiki. The pavilion will be an all-weather facility that would provide a shelter in the event of rain. Because the present luau is outdoors, a banquet room must be held in reserve on the nights of the luau. The Banyan Tree Showroom, one of the largest of the hotel's banquet or function rooms, is set aside for that purpose. The design of the new open-air pavilion will embrace traditional Polynesian house or hale with open exteriors and natural ventilation. Plans call for a series of five na hale in a semicircle over the main seating area, a covered performance platform, and a service bar. These buildings will feature double-pitched hip roofs. Design capacity will be for approximately 600 guests. The remaining portion of the luau grounds will be left as open space. The proposed project will have minimal impact to flora, fauna, subsurface cultural sites, drainage, existing pedestrian circulation, and infrastructure.

Previously Published Projects Pending Public Comments

Draft Environmental Assessments

Kunia Wells II Nitrate Treatment System

Applicant: City and County of Honolulu

Board of Water Supply 630 South Beretania Street Honolulu, Hawai'i 96843 Approving Agency/Accepting

Authority: City and County of Honolulu

Board of Water Supply 630 South Beretania Street Honolulu, Hawai'i 96843

Contact: Clifford S. Jamile (527-6180)

Public Comment

Deadline: April 22, 2002

♣ University of Hawai'i Health and Wellness Center at Kaka'ako

Applicant: John A. Burns School of Medicine

University of Hawai'i 1960 East West Road

Honolulu, Hawai'i 96822-2319 Contact: Rex Johnson (956-9824)

Approving Agency/Accepting Authority: Same as above

Public Comment

Deadline: April 22, 2002

Draft Environmental Impact Statements

♠ Primary Corridor Transportation Project (Supplemental)

Applicant: City and County of Honolulu

Department of Transportation Services 650 South King Street, 3rd floor Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813 Contact: Cheryl Soon (523-4125)

Approving Agency/Accepting

Authority: Governor, State of Hawai'i

c/o Office of Environmental Quality Control 235 South Beretania Street, Room 702

Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Public Comment

Deadline: May 7, 2002

Final Environmental Impact Statements

'Iwilei Elderly Residential Complex

Applicant: Housing and Community Development

Corporation of Hawai'i 677 Queen Street, Suite 300 Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813 Contact: Ron Hedani (587-0550)

Approving Agency/Accepting

Authority: Governor, State of Hawai'i

c/o Office of Environmental Quality Control 235 South Beretania Street, Suite 702

Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Status: FEIS currently being reviewed by OEQC

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(1) 744 Front Street Redevelopment

District: Lahaina
TMK: 4-6-09: 7 & 62
Applicant: LoKo Maui LLC

c/o Lowson and Associates

P.O. Box 998

Lahaina, Hawai'i 96767

Contact: James "Mac" Lowson (661-8711

x203)

Approving Agency/Accepting

Authority: County of Maui Planning Department

250 South High Street Wailuku, Hawaiʻi, 96793 Contact: Ann Cua (270-7735)

Consultant: Chris Hart & Partners, Inc.

1955 Main Street, Suite 200 Wailuku, Hawai'i 96793 Contact: Chris Hart (242-1955)

Public Comment

Deadline: May 8, 2002

Status: DEA First Notice pending public comment.

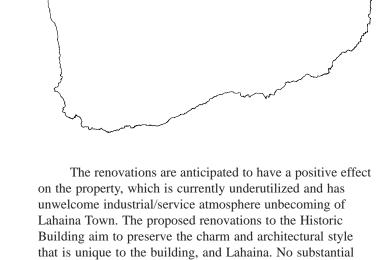
Address comments to the applicant with copies to the approving agency or accepting

authority, the consultant and OEQC.

Permits

Required: SMA, Historic District, Building

The applicant is proposing renovations to an existing historic building (the Old Lahaina Store) located at 744 Front Street in Lahaina, Maui. Associated with the redevelopment, the applicant plans to optimize the surrounding property for pedestrian use and automobile parking, which entails the demolition of a non-historic 6-unit apartment building and attached restaurant that is located behind the Old Lahaina Store. The subject property is identified as TMK parcels (2) 4-6-09: 7 & 62. The project may also include sidewalk and landscape related improvements within the County right-of-way fronting 744 Front Street and possibly within the abutting property to the north (parcel 8).



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adverse impacts to the environment are anticipated due to the

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► Keokea Lateral Phase II Water System Improvements

Applicant: Department of Water Supply

200 South High Street Wailuku, Hawai'i 96793

Contact: Herbert Kogasaka (270-7835)

Approving Agency/Accepting Authority: Same as above

Public Comment

redevelopment.

Deadline: April 22, 2002

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Kihei-Upcountry Maui Highway

Applicants: Department of Transportation

Highways Division 869 Punchbowl Street Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Contact: Ronald Tsuzuki (587-1830)

and

U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Highways Administration

300 Ala Moana Boulevard Honolulu, Hawai'i 96850

Contact: Abraham Wong (541-2700)

Approving Agency/Accepting

Authority: Governor, State of Hawai'i

c/o Office of Environmental Quality Control

235 South Beretania Street, Suite 702

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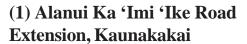
Status: FEIS currently being reviewed by OEQC.



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District: Moloka'i

TMK: 5-3-3:15 (por.) and 5-3-11:38 (por.)
Applicant: County of Maui, Department of Public

Works and Waste Management

200 South High Street Wailuku, Hawai'i 96793

Contact: Wendy Kobashigawa (270-7745)

Approving Agency/Accepting Authority: Same as above.

Consultant: Munekiyo & Hiraga, Inc.

305 High Street, Suite 104 Wailuku, Hawai'i 96793

Contact: Michael Munekiyo (244-2015)

Public Comment

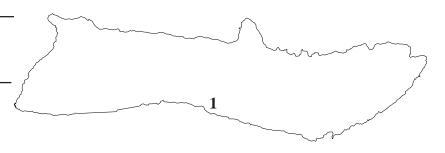
Deadline: May 8, 2002

Status: DEA First Notice pending public comment.

Address comments to the applicant with copies to the consultant and OEOC.

Permits

Required: SMA, construction



The County of Maui, Department of Public Works and Waste Management (DPWWM) proposes the construction of a new roadway in Kaunakakai, Moloka'i, connecting Kamehameha V Highway (in the vicinity of the Moloka'i Education Center) and the Ranch Camp residential subdivision. The proposed roadway will traverse lands identified as TMK 5-3-3:15(por.) and 5-3-11:38(por.). TMK 5-3-3:15 is owned by Moloka'i Ranch, Ltd., while TMK 5-3-11:38 is owned by Cooke Land Company. A Department of Water Supply 12-inch waterline lies within the proposed right-ofway for the roadway. Both Moloka'i Ranch, Ltd. and Cooke Land Company will dedicate the right-of-way for the proposed alignment.

Project plans call for the construction of two 12-foot wide travel lanes, 6-foot paved shoulders, and 12-foot grassed shoulder areas. The proposed 6-foot wide paved shoulders will provide ample area to accommodate bicyclists, however, the proposed improvements will not be striped for this specific purpose.

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The proposed roadway will extend approximately 1,300 lineal feet, from Kalohi Street to the existing Alanui Ka 'Imi 'Ike roadway located along the eastern edge of the Molokai Education Center. Currently, the Ranch Camp subdivision has only one entrance access via Ala Malama Avenue, which travels through the central portion of Kaunakakai Town. The proposed roadway project would establish an eastern link between the Ranch Camp residential subdivision and Kamehameha V Highway, thereby improving the traffic circulation in the Kaunakakai area. In addition, area residents have indicated a need to have a readily available vehicular route to higher elevation lands in the event offlooding or tsunami events.

The roadway alignment is located within the Special Management Area (SMA) limits and therefore, will require a SMA Use Permit subject to review and action by the Moloka'i Planning Commission. Inasmuch as the proposed project will utilize both County and Federal monies to fund the proposed project, an Environmental Assessment has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 343, Hawai'i Revised Statutes and the National Environmental Policy Act.

Estimated cost of construction is approximately \$2.2 million. Assuming all governmental approvals are obtained, construction is anticipated to start in January, 2003, with completion targeted for September, 2003.



Kaho'olawe Notices

Final Environmental Assessments/ Findings of No Significant Impacts (FONSI)



(1) Kaho'olawe Rainwater Catchment and Water Storage Facility

District: Kahoʻolawe

Applicant: Kahoʻolawe Island Reserve Commission

811 Kolu Street, Suite 201 Wailuku, Hawai'i 96793

Contact: Deepak Neupane (243-5025)

Approving Agency/Accepting Authority: Same as above.

Consultant: Marc M. Siah & Associates, Inc.

810 Richards Street, Suite 888 Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Contact: Kelly Chuck (538-7180) FEA/FONSI issued, project may proceed.

Status: Permits

Required: Grading, noise

The Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC) proposes to locate a rainwater catchment and water storage facility on the eastern half of the Island of Kaho'olawe. The entire system will span approximately 3 acres of land surrounding the crater at Luamakika.

The purpose of the catchment and storage reservoirs are to provide an irrigation water source allowing for revegetation of the large barren area surrounding Luamakika in order to combat the severe problem of soil erosion that currently exists. The main components of the proposed project consist of a catchment apron, a reservoir storage system, transmission pipes, a pump house, and an access road.

No significant adverse impacts are expected from the installation of the water system at Luamakika crater. Special care was given during the design process of the proposed water system toward ensuring that the structures to be installed will have a minimal impact on the surrounding archaeological and cultural sites in the area.

The project is scheduled to begin in May, 2002 and is expected to last approximately 6 months. The estimated cost of the project is \$1,590,000.



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National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)



(1) Land Acquisition at Pohakuloa Training Area, Hawai'i (FONSI)

District: Hamakua

Applicant: 25th Infantry Division (Light) and U.S.

Army, Hawai'i

Schofield Barracks, Hawai'i 96857-5013 Contact: Peter Yuh, Jr. (656-2878 x 1051)

Public Comment

Deadline: May 8, 2002

The Army is proposing to purchase 1,010 acres of land at the northern portion of Pohakuloa Training Area at Pu'u Ke'eke'e and Pu'u Ka Pele. The parcel is currently leased from the Parker Ranch for military training. Land acquisition is being proposed because the long-term lease has lapsed and the property is leased on an as-needed basis.

There will be no changes to the existing land use or the current type of training that is conducted there. The Army's current stewardship actions are mitigating or avoiding adverse environmental impacts, especially on endangered species. Current mitigation efforts include habitat restoration and protection of biologically significant areas on the site. In addition, the Army is also developing a wildland fire management plan.

In response to a request by the State Historic Preservation Officer, the Army will complete a ground inventory of cultural resources on the parcel proposed for acquisition. The Army is also developing and will implement an Integrated Cultural Resources Management Plan (ICRMP) that will promote the protection of all cultural resources located within Army lands at PTA.

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▶ Ahualoa Water Tanks Replacement

Applicant: County of Hawai'i

Department of Water Supply 345 Kekuanaoʻa Street, Suite 20

Hilo, Hawai'i 96720

Contact: Milton Pavao (961-8050)

Approving Agency/Accepting Authority: Same as above

Public Comment

Deadline: April 22, 2002

▶ Waikoloa (Hoʻoko Street) Park Improvements

Applicant: County of Hawai'i

Department of Parks and Recreation

25 Aupuni Street Hilo, Hawai'i 96720

Contact: Glenn Miyao (961-8311)

Approving Agency/Accepting Authority: Same as above.

Public Comment

Deadline: April 22, 2002



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Environmental Impact Statement Preparation Notices



(1) Kuhio Highway Improvements, Hanama'ulu to Kapa'a

District: Lihu'e and Kawaihau TMK: Portions of Zones 3 and 4

Applicant: State Department of Transportation

> 869 Punchbowl Street Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813 Contact: Patrick Tom (587-6355)

Approving Agency/Accepting

Authority: Governor, State of Hawai'i

> c/o Office of Environmental Quality Control 235 South Beretania Street, Suite 702

Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Consultant: Kimura International, Inc.

1600 Kapi'olani Blvd., Suite 1610

Honolulu, Hawai'i 96814

Contact: Glenn Kimura (944-8848)

Public Comment

Deadline: June 15, 2002 (applicant is extending 30-

day comment period to 75 days)

Status: EISPN First Notice pending public com-

> ment. Address comments to the applicant with copies to the approving agency or accepting authority, the consultant and

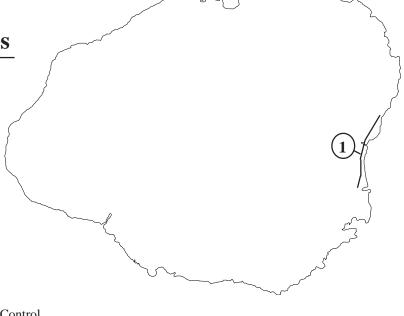
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Permits Sec. 404, Sec 401-WQC, Sec. 402 NPDES,

Required: CZM Consistency Review, possibly SMA

The State of Hawai'i Department of Transportation proposes improvements to Kuhio Highway on the island of Kaua'i (Lihu'e and Kawaihau Districts). The study area is the Kuhio Highway corridor, from the intersection of Kuhio and Kapule Highways in Hanama'ulu, to Kapa'a Stream. The study area also extends from the shoreline to the Kalepa and Nonou Forest Reserves.

The objectives of the proposed action are to alleviate existing traffic congestion along Kuhio Highway, accommodate projected traffic growth to the year 2025 for both local circulation and through traffic, provide an alternate emergency access and evacuation route to respond to emergency conditions, and provide additional roadway capacity when traffic incidents impede the normal flow.



It is anticipated that several alternatives will be studied, including the no-build alternative. Possible "build" alternatives may include widening portions of Kuhio Highway, construction of a new bypass road or "relief route," a "Transportation System Management (TSM)" alternative, or some combination of these. The proposed action could also include construction of connector roads between the relief route and the existing Kuhio Highway.

The project is subject to both State of Hawai'i and federal environmental regulations. The applicants have determined that an EIS will be required because it is likely that some or all of the build alternatives may have significant impacts, as the term is defined by both Chapter 343, HRS and NEPA. Among the areas in which the project could have significant impacts are displacement of residents and/or businesses, visual effects, archaeological and cultural sites and artifacts, wetlands, and parklands.

Stakeholders and interested parties are invited to come forward with ideas for purpose and need, alternatives. alternative selection criteria, environmental concerns in all resource areas, suggestions for outreach, and other information relevant to the planning process. Comments received will be addressed in the Draft EIS.

This EISPN supercedes a previous EISPN published by OEQC on September 8, 1992. Public comments will be accepted through an extended 75-day review period, ending June 15, 2002.

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Draft Environmental Impact Statements

Ocean Bay Plantation at Hanama'ulu

Applicant: EWM Kaua'i, LLC

c/o Walton Hong (245-4757) 3135-A Akahi Street Lihu'e, Hawai'i 96766

Approving Agency/Accepting

Authority: County of Kaua'i Planning Department

4444 Rice Street, Suite 473 Lihu'e, Hawai'i 96766

Contact: Keith Nitta (241-6677)

Public Comment

Deadline: May 7, 2002



National Environmental Policy Act

Scoping Meeting to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for Military Training Activities at Makua Military Reservation

The 25th Infantry Division (Light) and U.S. Army Hawai'i announces it will be holding two scoping meetings to solicit public participation in the preparation of an environmental impact statement (EIS) for the proposed resumption of military training activities at Makua Military Reservation (MMR), O'ahu, Hawai'i. The proposed military training is to provide for company level, modified live-fire exercises at MMR's Company Combined-Arms Assault Course (CCAAC). The CCAAC, which was constructed in 1988, is the sole training facility at Makua Military Reservation, and is the only facility of its type on the island of O'ahu. The principal user will be the Army's 25th Infantry Division (Light) headquartered at Schofield Barracks. Other military components that have used MMR in the past such as the Marine Corps, Army Reserve, and Hawai'i Army National Guard may also use the CCAAC for required company combined-arms live-fire exercises (CALFEXs).

Conducting the required number of company CALFEXs is critical to maintaining the readiness of all military units assigned or stationed in Hawai'i. Company-level CALFEXs will include combined arms support provided by helicopter, artillery, mortar, and combat engineer support teams. The EIS will address, among other things, the potential direct, indirect and cumulative environmental impacts associated with the proposed military training activities at MMR.

Public scoping meetings will be held at and on the dates and times listed below. During each meeting, attendees will receive information on the Army's proposed use of Makua Military Reservation. Attendees will also have the opportunity to provide input on what they would like the EIS to address. Public comments will be accepted for a period of 15 days following the meeting dates and can be submitted in writing to the individual named below.

Location: Nanakuli High & Intermediate School

Cafeteria

89-980 Nanakuli Avenue Wai'anae, Hawai'i 96792 Tuesday, April 9, 2002 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Date:

Time:

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Date: Time:

Location: Wai anae District Park Multi-Purpose Bldg.

85-601 Farrington Highway

Wai'anae, Hawai'i 96792 Saturday, April 13, 2002 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Send written comments to or request additional information from: Ken Mashita, U.S. Army Engineer District-Honolulu, Programs and Project Management Division, Environmental and Special Projects Branch, Building 252CEPOH-PP-E, Fort Shafter, Hawai'i 96858-5440, Telephone: 808-438-8417, Fax: 808-438-7801, E-mail: Calvin.K.Mashita@poh01.usace.army.mil.

Scoping Meetings to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for Transformation of the 2nd Brigade, 25th Infantry Division (Light) to an Interim Brigade Combat Team

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers announces scoping meetings to engage public participation in the environmental impact statement process that will address converting the 2nd Brigade, 25th Infantry Division (Light) stationed in Hawai'i to an Interim Brigade Combat Team (IBCT). An IBCT is a rapidly deployable, early-entry, medium-weight force with a decreased logistical footprint. IBCT fielding is an integral part of the process of developing a new fighting infrastructure that is partly based on self-sufficient, brigade-sized units.

Converting the 2nd Brigade, 25th Infantry Division (Light) would result in the following force structure and facility changes that may have the potential to impact various Army installations and training lands in Hawai'i.

- Fielding of new or modified weapon systems, armored vehicles, and equipment.
- Construction activities including erection of buildings, training facilities and infrastructure, and renovation or demolition of training facilities at military installations located on the islands of Oahu and Hawai'i.
- Land transactions (acquisition, asset management, and disposal).
- Deployment of forces and specific training for deployment.
- Training to achieve and maintain readiness to perform missions.
- Other actions necessary to support a net increase in troops and vehicles to be assigned to the 2nd Brigade, 25th Infantry Division (Light).

Public scoping meetings will be held at and on the dates and times listed below. During each meeting, attendees will be introduced to the Army's vision of its future toward American leadership and security, the IBCT transformation process, and the range of proposed transformation activities. The public will also have the opportunity to provide input on what they would like the EIS to address as it pertains to the Army's proposal to convert the 2nd Brigade, 25th Infantry Division (Light) to an IBCT. Public comments will be accepted for a period of 15 days following the meeting dates and can be submitted in writing to the individual named below.

Hilo Hawaiian Hotel Mokuʻola Room 71 Banyan Drive Hilo, Hawaiʻi 96720 April 16, 2002 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Outrigger Waikoloa Beach Ali'i Ballroom 69-275 Waikoloa Beach Dr. Waikoloa, Hawai'i 96738 April 17, 2002 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Leilehua High School Cafeteria 1515 California Avenue Wahiawa, Hawai'i 96786 April 23, 2002

A Avenue 49 Funchal Street ai'i 96786 Honolulu, Hawai' April 24, 2002

April 23, 2002 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813 April 24, 2002 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Kawananakoa Middle School Cafeteria

Hale'iwa Elementary School Cafeteria 66-505 Hale'iwa Road Haleiwa, Hawai'i 96712 April 25, 2002 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Kahuku High & Intermediate School Cafeteria 56-490 Kamehameha Hwy Kahuku, Hawai'i 96731 April 29, 2002 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Nanakuli High & Intermediate School Cafeteria 89-980 Nanakuli Avenue Wai'anae, Hawai'i 96792 April 30, 2002 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Send written comments to or request additional information from: Earl Nagasawa, U.S. Army Engineer District, Honolulu, Programs and Project Management Division, Environmental and Special Projects Branch, Building 252CEPOH-PP-E, Fort Shafter, Hawai'i 96858-5440, Telephone: 808-438-0772, Fax: 808-438-7801, E-mail: Earl.I.Nagasawa@poh01.usace.army.mil.

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U.S. Coast Guard Integrated Deepwater System Project

The Coast Guard is pleased to announce the completion of the Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) for the Integrated Deepwater System acquisition. The Integrated Deepwater System acquisition entails the modernization or replacement of the Coast Guard's aging Deepwater cutters and aircraft with an integrated system of surface and air assets and their communications, sensors, and logistics infrastructure.

Comments received during the draft stage public comment period have been included in the Final PEIS as have the Coast Guard's responses to each comment. You are invited to submit comments on the Final PEIS in general as well as on the adequacy of responses to the comments.

The Final PEIS is available on CD-ROM or if you would like a hard copy, please contact Lt. Commander Eric Johnson, U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters (G-D), 2100 2nd Street SW, Washington, D.C. 20593-0001, telephone: (202)

267-1665, email: ejohnson@comdt.uscg.mil . The Final PEIS and other information about the Deepwater Program is also posted on the Deepwater EIS website at http://www.deepwatereis.com and at the Deepwater Program website at http://www.uscg.mil/deepwater.

Please submit your comments by April 29, 2002 to the Department of Transportation Docket Management Facility via only one of the following methods:

Mail: US Dept. of Transportation, Room PL-401

400 Seventh Street, NW Washington, D.C. 20590

Fax: (202) 493-2251 Website: http://dms.dot.gov

Comments submitted by mail or fax should include the sender's name and address, must identify the docket number, USCG-2000-8229, and must be submitted in an unbound format, no larger than 8-1/2" x11". You may direct any questions to LCDR Eric Johnson at the number and email address listed above.

Shoreline Notices

Shoreline Certification Applications

Pursuant to § 13-222-12, HAR the following shoreline certification applications are available for inspection at the DLNR District Land Offices on Kaua'i, Hawai'i and Maui and at Room 220, 1151 Punchbowl St., Honolulu, O'ahu (Tel: 587-0414). All comments shall be submitted in writing to the State Land Surveyor, 1151 Punchbowl Street, Room 210, Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813 and postmarked no later than fifteen (15) calendar days from the date of the public notice of the application. If there are any questions, please call Nick Vaccaro at 587-0438.

Case No.	Date Received	Location	Applicant	Tax Map Key
OA-869	3/18/02	Lot 22 of Maunalua Bay View Lots Subdivision (File Plan 750) being a portion of R.P. 4475, Land Commission Award 7713, Apana 30 to Victoria Kamamalu at Maunalua, Honolulu, Island of Oahu, Hawaii Address: 12 Hanapepe Place Purpose: Sale of Property	Robert Sing, for Nissho Inc.	3-9-28: 20
OA-870	3/27/02	Land Court Application 616 (Map 51) Consolidation of Lots 326 and 329 less erosion into Lot A at Kailua, Koolaupoko, Island of Oahu, Hawaii Address: 1586 Mokulua Drive Purpose: Consolidation	Walter P. Thompson, Inc., for Ethan and Andrea Topper & Ronald and Gwen Robinson	4-3-01: 12 and 13

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Shoreline Certifications and Rejections

Pursuant to §13-222-26, HAR the following shorelines have been certified or rejected by the DLNR. A person may appeal a certification or rejection to the BLNR, 1151 Punchbowl Street, Room 220, Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813, by requesting in writing a contested case hearing no later than twenty (20) calendar days from the date of public notice of certification or rejection.

Case No.	Date	Location	Applicant	Tax Map Key
OA-863	3/11/02 Certified	Portion of Lot 1 as shown on DPP File No. 82 (187), land situated at Waianae-Kai, Waianae, Island of Oahu, Hawaii Address: Waianae High School 85-251 Farrington Hwy Purpose: Building Permit	ControlPoint Surveying, Inc., for Department of Accounting and General Services (SOH)	8-5-02: 18
OA-866	3/22/02 Certified	Lot 67 Land Court Application 772 and Lot 67-A, land situated at Laie, Koolauloa, Island of Oahu, Hawaii Address: 55-601 Kamehameha Hwy Purpose: Building Permit	Walter P. Thompson, Inc., for Robert Pang	5-5-03: 42
HA-253	3/22/02 Certified	Lot 1 and 2 of the Alohi Kai Subdivision, being a portion of Land Commission Award 9971, land situated at Kaumalumalu, North Kona, Island of Hawaii, Hawaii Address: Not Assigned (Vacant) Purpose: Building Permit	Don McIntosh Consulting Inc., for Jack D. Rose	7-7-24: 1 & 2
MA-264	3/22/02 Certified	Lot 1 of the David Kina Subdivision, being a portion of R. P 2438, Land Commission Award 5326 to Kalaeloa Location: Paia, Island of Maui, Hawaii Address: 47 Loio Place Purpose: Building Permit	Akamai Land Surveyor, Inc., for Alan C. Bolton	2-6-04: 25

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Department of Health Permits

The following is a list of some pollution control permits currently being reviewed by the State Department of Health. For more information about any of the listed permits, please contact the appropriate branch or office of the Environmental Management Division at 919 Ala Moana Boulevard, Honolulu.

Branch Permit Type	Applicant & Permit Number	Project Location	Pertinent Date	Proposed Use
Clean Air Branch, 586-4200, Temporary Covered Source Permit	Grace Pacific Corporation CSP 0045-02-CT (Amendment)	91-920 Farrington Highway, Kapolei, Oahu	Issued: 3/5/02	334 TPH Hot Mix Asphalt Facility
Clean Air Branch, 586-4200, Covered Source Permit	Aloha Petroleum CSP 0220-01-C	Barbers Point Sales Terminal, Campbell Industrial Park, Oahu	Comments Due: 4/17/02	Ten (10) Petroleum Storage Tanks and Tank Truck Loading Rack
Clean Air Branch, 586-4200, Covered Source Permit	Hawaii Electric Light Company CSP 0237-01-C	Waimea Generating Station, Kamuela, Hawaii	Comments Due: 4/17/02	Three (3) 2.5 MW Diesel Engine Generators
Clean Air Branch, 586-4200, Noncovered Source Permit	Grace Pacific Corporation NSP 0203-01-N (Renewal)	Manawainui Quarry, Molokai	Issued: 3/18/02	120 TPH Hot Batch Mix Asphalt Concrete Plant
Clean Air Branch, 586-4200, Covered Source Permit	Kapaa Generating Partners CSP 0032-01-C	Kapaa Landfill, 909 Kalanianaole Highway, Oahu	Comments Due: 4/24/02	3.3 MW Gas Turbine
Clean Air Branch, 586-4200, Covered Source Permit	Maui Electric Company, Ltd. CSP 0031-04-C	Palaau Generating Station, Palaau, Molokai	Comments Due: 4/24/02	Nine (9) Diesel Engine Generators and One (1) Combustion Turbine
Clean Air Branch, 586-4200, Temporary Covered Source Permit	Grace Pacific Corporation CSP 0040-01-CT (Renewal and Amendment)	Camp 10, Ameron Quarry, Puunene, Maui	Issued: 3/19/02	186 TPH Drum-Mix Asphalt Concrete Plant with Recycle Kit; 1.25 MMBtu/Hr. HEATEC Hot Oil Heater; and 725 kW Diesel Engine Generator
Clean Water Branch, 586-4309, Water Quality Certification	State of Hawaii, Department of Land and Natural Resources WQC 0000395	Entrance channel between Hawaii Kai Marina and Maunalua Bay, Oahu	Comments Due: 4/24/02	Maintenance dredging of the entrance channel

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Special Management Area (SMA) Minor Permits

Pursuant to Hawai'i Revised Statute (HRS) 205A-30, the following is a list of SMA Minor permits that have been approved or are pending by the respective county/state agency. For more information about any of the listed permits, please contact the appropriate county/state Planning Department. City & County of Honolulu (523-4131); Hawai'i County (961-8288); Kaua'i County (241-6677); Maui County (270-7735); Kaka'ako Special Design District (587-2878).

Location (TMK)	Description (File No.)	Applicant/Agent
Hawaii: (1-4-2: 50)	7-lot subdivision (02-07)	Benjamas Seungsiri
Maui: Haiku (2-9-5: 52)	Swimming pool – Pending (SMX-20020097)	John R. Zangrando
Maui: Haiku (2-8-3: 20)	Renovate existing barn to residence – Pending (SMX-20020098)	David J. & Marianne Asher
Maui: Kihei (3-9-37: 39)	Add home office/bathroom/garage, etc. – Pending (SMX-20020100)	Dr. Charles Dougherty
Maui: Molokai (5-4-17: 34)	New single family residence – Pending (SMX-20020101)	Rosemary Slabaugh
Maui: Kihei (3-9-12: 21)	New pavilion & increase floor area – Pending (SMX-20020102)	Susan Kuwada
Maui: Kihei (3-9-1: 10)	4-foot high rock wall – Waiohuli-Keokeo subdivision – Pending (SMX-20020104)	Eduardo Bello
Maui: Kihei (3-9-1: 99)	Storage closet addition – Pending (SMX-20020105)	Knox Swanson
Maui: Wailea (2-1-26: 23)	New single family residence & pool – Pending (SMX-20020106)	August Sterling Percha
Maui: Kihei (3-9-17: 29)	Akina-Kato Homes – addition of 740 SF living space – Pending (SMX-20020108)	Maria Kato
Maui: Kihei (3-9-28: 75)	Garage & storage loft – Pending (SMX-20020109)	Kim Chi Nguyen
Maui: Haiku (2-9-1: 64)	Barn – Pending (SMX-20020110)	Dana Millheiser
Maui: Maalaea (3-6-8: 1)	New offices – interior work only – Pending (SMX-20020111)	Marie E. Kimmey
Maui: (4-4-8: 22)	Kaanapali ALB #351 / Interior Work – Pending (SMX-20020112)	Bridges Custom Homes & Remodeling, LLC
Maui: (4-6-28: 44)	Interior remodel, dormer addition Puamana (SM2-20020028)	T. Hardelman
Maui: (4-5-2: 5)	Interior renovation, exterior stairs (SM2-20020029)	Lahaina United Methodist Church
Maui: (4-2-4: 24)	Kapalua Bay Golf Course – golf cart wash area (SM2-20020030)	Arnold Ambrose
Maui: Huelo (2-9-7: 37)	1 st & 2 nd farm dwellings (SM2-20020031)	Gwendolyn Grace

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Notice of Deficiency for Hawai'i Clean Air Operating Permits Program

The U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has issued a notice of deficiency for the State of Hawai'i's Clean Air Act title V operating permits program, which is administered by the Hawai'i Department of Health. The notice of deficiency is based upon EPA's finding that Hawai'i's provisions for insignificant emissions units do not meet minimum Federal requirements for program approval. Publication of this notice is a prerequisite for withdrawal of Hawai'i's title V program approval, but does not effect such withdrawal. This notice is effective March 22, 2002. Because this Notice of Deficiency is an adjudication and not a final rule, the Administrative Procedure Act's 30-day deferral of the effective date of a rule does not apply. For details call Robert Baker, EPA, Region 9, Air Division (AIR-3), 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105, telephone (415) 972-3979. This notice is not a proposal to withdraw Hawai'i's title V program. Consistent with 40 CFR 70.10(b)(2), EPA will wait at least 90 days, at which point it will determine whether Hawai'i has taken significant action to correct the deficiency (see, 67 F.R. 15385, April 1, 2002).

Public Scoping Meeting on Northwestern Hawaiian Islands National Marine Sanctuary Designation

On December 4, 2000, Executive Order 13178 established the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Coral Reef Ecosystem Reserve, pursuant to the National Marine Sanctuaries Amendments Act of 2000. The Reserve extends approximately 1200 nautical miles long and 100 nautical miles wide. NOAA issued a notice of intent on January 19, 2001, (see, 66 F.R. 5509) to designate the Reserve as a national marine sanctuary. A notice announcing the beginning of public scoping pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act was issued on March 18, 2002 (see, 67 F.R. 11996). This notice announces the dates and locations of the public scoping meetings. The public scoping process started on March 18, 2002, and ends on Friday, May 3, 2002. Written comments may be sent to NWHI Coral Reef Ecosystem Reserve, 6700 Kalaniana'ole Highway, No. 215, Honolulu, Hawai'i 96825; faxed to (808) 397-2662; or emailed to nwhi@noaa.gov. Comments will be available for public review at the office address above. Summaries of public comments from initial scoping meetings will be available at hawaiireef.noaa.gov. Scoping meetings will be held as follows: (1) Tuesday, April 9, 6:00 p.m., Wai'anae District

Park, Multipurpose Building, 85-601 Farrington Highway, Wai'anae, O'ahu; (2) Wednesday, April 10, 6:00 p.m., He'eia Kea State Park Visitors Center Hall, 46-465 Kamehameha Highway, Kane'ohe, O'ahu; (3) Thursday, April 11, 6:00 p.m., Maui Arts and Cultural Center, McCoy Studio Theater, One Cameron Way, Kahului, Maui; (4) Thursday, April 11, 1:00 p.m., Department of Commerce Building, Room 1414, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, District of Columbia; (5) Friday, April 12, 6:00 p.m., Kulana 'Oiwi Halau, Lot 24, Maunaloa Highway, Kaunakakai, Moloka'i; (6) Monday, April 15, 6:00 p.m., Japanese Cultural Center, Manoa Room, 2454 South Beretania Street, Honolulu, O'ahu; (7) Tuesday, April 16, 6:00 p.m., Radisson Kauai Beach Resort, Jasmine Ballroom, 4331 Kaua'i Beach Drive, Lihu'e, Kaua'i; (8) Wednesday, April 17, 6:00 p.m., University of Hawai'i at Hilo, Marine Science Building, 200 West Kawili Street, Hilo, Hawai'i; (9) Thursday, April 18, 6:00 p.m., King Kamehameha's Kona Beach Hotel, Kamakahonu Ballroom, 75-5660 Palani Road, Kailua-Kona, Hawai'i; and, (10) Friday, April 19, 6:00 p.m., Lana'i Public Library, Frazier Avenue, Lana'i City, Lana'i. For details, call Aulani Wilhelm, at (808) 397-2657, email at nwhi@noaa.gov (see, 67 F.R.13749, March 26, 2002).

Revised Prudency Determinations/ Designations of Critical Habitat for Maui/ Kahoʻolawe Plant Species

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), propose critical habitat for 61 of the 70 species known historically from the islands of Maui and Kaho'olawe that are listed under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended. FWS proposes critical habitat designations for 61 species within 13 critical habitat units totaling approximately 126,531 acres on the island of Maui, and within 2 critical habitat units totaling approximately 1,763 acres on the island of Kaho'olawe. If this proposal is made final, section 7 of the Act requires Federal agencies to ensure that actions they carry out, fund, or authorize do not destroy or adversely modify critical habitat to the extent that the action appreciably diminishes the value of the critical habitat for the survival and recovery of the species. Section 4 of the Act requires us to consider economic and other relevant impacts of specifying any particular area as critical habitat. FWS is soliciting data and comments from the public on all aspects of this proposal, including data on the economic and other impacts of the designations. FWS may revise or further refine this rule, including critical habitat boundaries, prior to final designation based on habitat and plant surveys, public comment on the revised proposed critical habitat rule, and new scientific and commercial information. FWS will accept comments

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until June 3, 2002. Public hearing requests must be received by May 20, 2002. Submit comments and materials concerning this proposal in writing to the Field Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Pacific Islands Office, 300 Ala Moana Blvd., Room 3-122, P.O. Box 50088, Honolulu, Hawaiʻi 96850-0001. For details, call Paul Henson, Field Supervisor, Pacific Islands Office, telephone (808) 541-344 (see, 67 F.R. 15855, April 3, 2002).

Determination of Critical Habitat for the Kauai Cave Wolf Spider and Kauai Cave Amphipod

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) wants to designate critical habitat for the Kaua'i cave wolf spider (Adelocosa anops) and the Kaua'i cave amphipod (Spelaeorchestia koloana) pursuant to the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended.. The proposed critical habitat consists of three units whose boundaries encompass an area of approximately 4,193 acres on the island of Kaua'i. Critical habitat identifies specific areas that are essential to the conservation of a listed species and that may require special management considerations or protection. If this proposal is made final, section 7 of the Act requires Federal agencies to ensure that actions they fund, authorize, or carry out do not destroy or adversely modify critical habitat to the extent that the action appreciably diminishes the value of the critical habitat for the conservation of the species. Section 4 of the Act requires FWS to consider economic and other impacts of specifying any particular area as critical habitat. FWS is soliciting data and comments from the public on all aspects of this proposal, including data on economic and other impacts of the designation. FWS may revise or further refine critical habitat boundaries prior to final designation based on new information received during the comment period. FWS will accept comments until the close of business on May 28, 2002. Requests for public hearing must be received by May 13, 2002. Send written comments and materials to Paul Henson, Field Supervisor, Pacific Islands Fish and Wildlife Office, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 300 Ala Moana Boulevard, Room 3-122, Box 50088, Honolulu, Hawai'i 96850. For more information call Mr. Henson at (808) 541-3441 (see, 67 F.R. 14671, March 27, 2002).

Three Nominations to the National Register of Historic Places

The State Historic Preservation Officer in the Department of Land and Natural Resources, has nominated the following three Hawai'i properties to the National Register of Historic Places: (1) Waiakea Mission Station, Hilo Station,

211 Haili St., Hilo, No. 02000387; (2) Boettcher Estate, 248 North Kalaheo, Kailua, No. 02000388; and (3) Hawai'i Shingon Mission, 915 Sheridan St., Honolulu, No. 02000386. The National Park Service (NPS) announced that it received the above nominations before March 16, 2002. NPS wants any written comments on the significance of these properties under the National Register criteria for evaluation. Send comments through the U.S. Postal Service, to the National Register of Historic Places, National Park Service, 1849 C St. NW., NC400, Washington, DC 20240; by all other carriers, National Register of Historic Places, National Park Service, 800 N. Capitol St. NW., Suite 400, Washington DC 20002; or by telephone facsmile to (202) 343-1836. Written or faxed comments should be submitted by April 16, 2002 (see, 67 F.R. 15411, April 1, 2002).

Bottomfish Plan Team Meeting

The Western Pacific Fishery Management Council will hold a meeting of its Bottomfish Plan Team on April 10 and 11, 2002, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day at the Council Office Conference Room, Western Pacific Fishery Management Council, 1164 Bishop St., Suite 1400, Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813, to discuss, among other things: review status of 2000 Annual Report; identify problems and possible solutions for uncompleted recommendations; research priorities for Western Pacific Region bottomfish fisheries; Northwestern Hawaiian Islands (NWHI) Issues - Management under the Clinton Executive Orders that establish the NWHI Coral Reef Reserve; status of Draft Environmental Impact Statement, Biological Opinion, and Marine Mammal Protection Act requirements. The Bottomfish Plan Team will meet as late as necessary to complete scheduled business. Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before the Team for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meetings. For details, call Kitty M. Simonds, Executive Director at (808) 522-8220 (see, 67 F.R. 14916, March 28, 2002).

Beaches Environmental Assessment and Coastal Health Act Grants

The Beaches Environmental Assessment and Coastal Health Act (BEACH Act) signed into law on October 10, 2000, amends the Clean Water Act (CWA) to reduce the risk of disease to users of the Nation's recreational waters. The BEACH Act authorizes the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to award program development and implementation grants to eligible States, Territories, Tribes, and local governments to support microbiological testing and monitoring of coastal recreation waters, including the Great Lakes,

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that are adjacent to beaches or similar points of access used by the public. BEACH Act grants also provide support for development and implementation of programs to notify the public of the potential exposure to disease-causing microorganisms in coastal recreation waters. EPA encourages coastal States and Territories to apply for BEACH Act Grants for Program Development (referred to as Development Grants) to develop effective and comprehensive coastal recreation water monitoring and public notification programs. Submit applications on or before May 20, 2002 to Terry Fleming USEPA Region IX, 75 Hawthorne St. WTR-2, San Francisco, CA 94105. For more information call Mr. Fleming at (415) 744-1939 or email him at fleming.terrence@epa.gov (see, 67 F.R. 13140, March 21, 2002).

Request for Nominations to Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee

The Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee (MFAC) is the only Federal Advisory Committee with the responsibility to advise the Secretary of Commerce on all matters concerning living marine resources that are the responsibility of the Department of Commerce. The Committee makes recommendations to the Secretary to assist in the development and implementation of Departmental regulations, policies and programs critical to the mission and goals of the National Marine Fisheries Service. The Committee is composed of leaders in the commercial, recreational, environmental. academic, state, tribal, and consumer interests from the nation's coastal regions. The Department of Commerce is seeking up to ten highly qualified individuals knowledgeable about fisheries and living marine resources to serve on the Committee. Nominations must be postmarked on or before May 16, 2002. Nominations should be sent to MAFAC, Office of Constituent Services, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, 14743, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910. For more information call Laurel Bryant, Designated Federal Official; telephone (301) 713-9501 extension 171, electronic mail: Laurel.Bryant@noaa.gov (see, 67 F.R. 15359, April 1, 2002).

Extension of Comment Period for Newcomb's Snail Critical Habitat

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) will hold a public hearing on the proposed determination of critical habitat for the Newcomb's snail (Errina newcombi). FWS also announced that the comment period on this proposal has been extended and that a draft economic analysis of this proposed designation of critical habitat is available. Newcomb's snail is found on the island of Kaua'i. FWS is extending the comment period for the proposal to designate critical habitat for this species and holding the public hearing to allow all interested parties to comment simultaneously on the proposed rule and the associated draft economic analysis. Comments previously submitted need not be resubmitted as they will be incorporated into the public record as part of this extended comment period and will be fully considered in the final rule. The public hearing will be held from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on April 17, 2002, in Lihu'e. Prior to the public hearing, the FWS will be available from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. to provide information and to answer questions. Registration for the hearing will begin at 5:30 p.m. The comment period, which originally closed on March 29, 2002, will now close on April 29, 2002. The public hearing will be held at the Radisson Kaua'i Beach Resort, 4331 Kaua'i Beach Drive, Lihu'e. The draft economic analysis is available from, and written comments and information should be submitted to, Field Supervisor, Pacific Islands Fish and Wildlife Office, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 300 Ala Moana Boulevard, Room 3-122, Box 50088, Honolulu, Hawai'i 96850. Comments and materials received will be available for public inspection during normal business hours, by appointment, at the above address. For more information call Paul Henson at (808) 541-3441 (see, 67 F.R. 15159, March 29, 2002).

